ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BUILDING.

At the close of another year the Committee of Management take pleasure in submitting a statement covering the activities in the Dominion Square Building.

From the outset the Committee of Management have sought to thoroughly organize the work and place it in charge of nine responsible Committees who would feel that it devolved upon them to make a success of the different features entrusted to them.

Monthly reports from the Executive, Finance, Membership, Religious, Social, Educational, Physical, Summer Camp, and Boys' departments were submitted to the Board throughout the year.

The Committee would like to bear witness to the faithfulness and zeal displayed by the sub-chairman, and to them is largely due the credit of the excellent reports which have been presented from time to time during the year, and which enable us now to pass in review the achievements of another year.

For all that has been done we are profoundly grateful to God, to whose blessing we attribute whatever results have been secured.

For ten months of the year members of the Committee have met weekly for prayer to ask God's blessing upon the work and His guidance, having for their objective the reaching of the young men throughout the city, and influencing them to aspire to the higher life in Christ Jesus.

The year has been one characterized by many changes. Four resignations were received from the Secretaries, and owing to the large number of calls from other centres, and the few men available, the vacancies were not permanently filled. This condition of affairs has suggested that the Montreal Association provide a larger budget in future for its staff, that the building may be used as a training school for its own, and the Dominion secretarial needs. Mr. Calhoun, the General Secretary, who has served this association so faithfully for 14 years, has accepted a call from the Canadian Section Committee, to supervise the larger Y. M. C. A. work throughout the Dominion. The resolution attached below will speak for itself. The Committee are earnestly considering

the appointment of his successor. So strongly has the conviction grown that the building is now inadequate to provide for Montreal's growing needs, that the Committee decided to recommend to the Board the immediate provision for larger accommodation and better equipment for its members. For ten months members of the Committee have been meeting weekly for prayer to ask God's blessing on the work, for His guidance, and that the young men of the city may be led to a knowledge of Him, who gives light, life, and power.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management of the Central Department of the Montreal Y. M. C. A., held on Monday evening, May 10th, 1909, the Chairman, Mr. C. C. Holland, announced that Mr. C. K. Calhoun was leaving at the end of the week to take up his new duties as Secretary of the Canadian Section of the International Committee.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Geo. E. Williams, seconded by Mr. W. E. Cushing, and carried unanimously, that a resolution expressing our great appreciation of Mr. Calhoun's services during his connection with the Montreal Association be incorporated in the minutes, and that a copy of the same be given to Mr. Calhoun.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

> "That on the occasion of the resignation of Mr. Calhoun from the Secretaryship of the Central Branch of the Montreal Y. M. C. A. to take the position of Canadian Secretary for the International Committee, the Committee of Management desire to place on record their very high appreciation of the service he has rendered to the work in Montreal.
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> "During the 14 years he has been connected with the work in this city he has won a very lasting place for himself in the esteem and affection of all the members of the Association. As a secretary, as a teacher, as a guide and counsellor, and as a personal friend, he has left a very profound impression on the young men of the city, and his departure will leave a gap that will not easily be filled.
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> "The conscientious and earnest way in which he has carried out his duties, and the deep interest he has always taken in the spiritual life of the men he has come in contact with, leave no doubt as to his future success. The prayers of all the Committee go with him that his work may be even more highly blessed than it has been in the past."

MEMBERSHIP.

We closed the year with a total membership, on April 30th, of 2005, made up as follows:

Life, 37; Sustaining, 182; Regular, 816; Limited, 418; Intermediate, 267; Junior, 125; Subscribing Members, 160.

Of the Senior Members 540 are Active Members, 1073 Associate.

Renewals during the year were 1006. New members, 692. Transfers from other Associations, 38.

Of the new members joining the Senior Department 26 were Sustaining, 206 Regular, and 261 Limited Members.

Of these again 162 were living at home and 329 boarding.

Classified by religious denomination:

Church of England	140	Congregational	19
Presbyterian	121	Hebrew	13
Methodist	79	Baptist	12
Roman Catholic	40	Not stated	44

The financial statement will be submitted separately, from which you will see that we close the year with a small balance on the right side. The Committee has not been able to secure this satisfactory result without self-denying labor on the part of those responsible for the finances of the Association, and generous co-operation on the part of a large number of givers.

We have felt the effects this year of the recent financial depression, and notwithstanding every economy have had some unusual expenses to meet.

We are especially grateful that we are again able to come to the Annual Meeting with all bills paid, and wish here to thank those whose kind co-operation has made this possible.

Instead of giving the Committee reports in detail, this report will endeavor to embrace the essential phases of the work of each Committee, thus seeking to give a bird's-eye view of the work as a whole.

RELIGIOUS.

At its first meeting last summer, the Religious Work Committee, after prayer and conference, felt that it was to lay particular emphasis upon four phases of religious work—prayer, Bible study, personal work, and evangelism—and that it was to extend its efforts in these directions outside of the Building unto the uttermost parts of the city. Plans were considered which will, in their fruition, lead to more practical forms of Christian co-operation among the churches and Christian workers of the city than anything we have yet seen.

Mention of these plans was made at a conference of our Committee, with a group of other Christian workers, held in September last, at which we had the pleasure of listening to an inspiring address from Mr. John R. Mott, on "Conditions of a Mighty Work of God in a Community."

While all these phases of work have not yet been gotten under way, a great deal has been accomplished.

The Prayer Committee, under the leadership of Mr. W. Y. King, arranged for the observance of the Week of Prayer in November, The Wednesday noon prayer meeting has met regularly, and other special seasons of prayer have been observed with great profit.

The Personal Work Committee, under the leadership of Mr. J. Ernest Millen, has conducted a training class for several months this winter, and has also rendered service at the evangelistic meetings.

We were unable to secure a Chairman for the Bible Study or Evangelism. We are glad to report that Mr. Geo. M. Cole has

taken hold of the Sunday Afternoon Men's Meeting with vigor, and with excellent results during the last two months. Mr. P. A. Doig has also consented to take the Chairmanship of the Saturday Evening Meeting. Among the speakers on Sunday afternoon were: Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, of Chicago; Colonel Halford, of St. Albans, Vermont; Mr. W. P. Archibald, of Ottawa; Prof. Jas. Orr, of Glasgow; Dr. Grenfell, of Labrador; and Dr. Crombie, of the New Hebrides Mission. A number of definite conversions have been reported in connection with the Saturday night meeting, which have greatly encouraged your Committee.

During July and August the Sunday Evening Song Services were conducted from the steps of the Building, attracting large crowds of people on Dominion Square, and rendering a most useful service at that time of the year.

SOCIAL.

The work of this Committee has been confined to arranging occasions for the social enjoyment of our members during the fall and winter months, and latterly to careful discussion for improved equipment in the Building, so that our members, and those who ought to be members, might find here adequate facilities for wholesome social intercourse not available elsewhere.

The Opening Reception for members on October 1st last was attended by over 300. Two musical evenings and four travel talks were given in the social room during the season. Parlor Bowling was frequently indulged in by the members with great enjoyment. A New Members' Reception was held in October, with about 250 men present.

The Thanksgiving Day Supper brought together 130 men, of whom less than ten were born in Montreal, and less than thirty were Canadians. Great Britain, United States, the West Indies, France, Germany, Russia, Syria, and Australia were represented. The value of the Association as a home for men away from home was strikingly emphasized.

The Strangers' Tea has been well maintained during the year on alternate Sunday evenings. The usefulness of this feature was never more apparent than now, when the number of stranger young men appears to be greater than ever.

On Christmas night a most enjoyable entertainment was held in the Social Room, attended by about 150 men. An old-fashioned Christmas Tree and other informal features passed the evening most pleasantly.

The Annual New Year's Reception, together with the evening concert, was quite up to the standard of other years.

PHYSICAL.

During the past season this Department has been entirely reorganized on what seems to be the most workable plan yet discovered. The Department is directed by a Chairman and Secretary, and added to these there is a representative from the following divisions of the Department. One man for the winter clubs, one the summer clubs, one the gymnasium classes, one the locker rooms and baths, one the religious work of the Department, and one the extension work in this city.

The competitive work of the Department is handled by a Board of Control, constituted as follows: One man each from the Board of Directors, the Committee of Management, and the Physical Department Committee. Added to these, one man from each competing club. This Board of Control reports directly to the Physical Department Committee.

The Gymnasium classes have been held during the past year as outlined in the Prospectus with one exception, viz., the Business Men's Gymnasium Class, which was conducted two evenings per week instead of three, the latter being found unsuitable.

There have been 27 weekly classes, with a total registration of 598, as compared with 702 of last year. There have been 304 men and boys examined. The total attendance at all classes for the year is 14,566; 729 class sessions were conducted, with a weekly average of 512.

	Sessions.	Total.	Average.	Ave. for 1908
Men, Elementary	55	1869	34	42
Men, Intermediate	55	858	16	24
Men, Advanced	55	220	4	6
Men, Student	76	1034	13	9
Business Men, Senior	67	1191	18	24
Business Men, Junior	51	1251	24	23
Business Boys, Intermediate	57	1451	24	35
Business Boys, Junior	58	1713	29	35
Senior School Boys	84	1297	15	15
Junior School Boys	84	2881	34	40
Leaders' Corps, Senior	21	175	8	10
Intermediate Corps	23	161	7	9
Junior Corps	25	170	7	7
High School Corps	18	113	6	

The Physical Department wishes to record its appreciation of the faithful services of Dr. W. F. Gilday and Dr. A. L. C. Gilday as Medical Examiners for the past season.

The Eighth Annual Physical Department Banquet, held on April 22nd, was one of the best ever held. The Committee was fortunate in having as speakers of the evening, His Honor Recorder Weir and Rev. Arthur French.

Three thousand copies of the pamphlet, "The Social Evil," by Chief Justice Taschereau, are being distributed.

The Committee have sought, by illustrations and talks, to increase the interest of the community in the care of the body and the correction of unwise physical habits. Owing to the large number of drowning accidents, the Committee decided to offer to the boys of the city, between the ages of 12 and 17, the opportunity to learn to swim free of charge.

In addition to their regular duties on the gymnasium floor, the Leaders' Corps have been responsible for the Annual "At Home," the New Year's Exhibition, a series of Practical Talks, and the Athletic Competitions. Some of the members have been teaching in clubs outside the Association. This year a new Corps has been formed of High School members, and has done excellent work in the Senior division of our Boys' Department. We have, at present, completely-organized leaders in the Junior, the Intermediate Business Boys, High School, and Senior Departments.

A new uniform, composed of white jersey, dark gray pants, and cardinal triangle, has been adopted by the combined Corps with much favorable comment.

The Tennis Club had a total membership of 55. Their team won the championship of the city, and also the championship of the Province of Quebec in the Intermediate series. The Club showed a credit balance of $1.94.

The Baseball Club played all their home games at the baseball grounds at Atwater Avenue, finishing second in the Mount Royal Amateur Baseball League. Several out-of-town games were played.

The Harrier Club began training in May, running on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoon. A series of summer handicaps were conducted during July and August. The thanks of the Club, and of the Department, are extended to the authorities of McGill University for track privileges during the summer, and for the added privilege of holding the Twelfth Annual Field Day on the McGill ground. The day was a great success, both in events and attendance. Club membership, 58.

The Basketball season closed successfully. The usual Association League games were held, with three senior and three intermediate teams. Our Association team did not play in the Association series, and being unable to play in the City League, owing to lack of competition in their class, found it necessary to play outside games. The Committee paid a deficit of $30.00 from last year, and show a balance in hand of $0.55.

The Swimming and Life Saving Club have a membership of 28. It has taught during the year men and boys the art of swimming. The Club is fortunate in having as its leader, Mr. L. G. F. Norris, a good swimmer and fine instructor. Mr. Norris renders this service voluntarily. He was instrumental in organizing the governing body which controls amateur swimming in the Dominion to-day.

The Snowshoe Club tramped regularly on Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. The Annual "At Home" was well attended, and the general interest good. Club membership, 57.

The Bowling Club has met three nights a week, and interested new bowlers. Spoon competitions were held weekly, and the Club closed the season with a credit balance of $18.00.

The Gymnasium Men's Bible Study Class met weekly on Sunday afternoons, at five o'clock, holding thirty class sessions, with an average attendance of 24. A group of members met weekly on Friday evening throughout the winter for prayer.

E. C. BUDGE,
Chairman.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

MEMBERSHIP.

	1909	1908
Junior School Boys	106	94
Senior School Boys	42	47
Junior Business Boys	119	149
Intermediate Business Boys	123	140
	390	430

RELIGIOUS.

A meeting has been held every Thursday evening by the H.A.B. (Hustle-a-bit) Club, taking the place of the meeting formerly conducted on Friday nights. This gathering consists in as many of the members as possible taking tea together, adjourning to a helpful service, thereby combining the social and religious spirit. The average attendance has been 19. The Sunday Morning Song Service at the General Hospital has been conducted regularly every fortnight, with an average attendance of 36 boys. Bible Classes have been held weekly, with a total enrolment of 155.

PHYSICAL.

There are now three Leaders' Corps in connection with the Boys' Classes, the Intermediate Corps having been split into two sections, viz., School and Business Boys.

"Open Nights" have been held for parents and friends, all being largely attended.

Classes have been conducted for boys desirous of learning to swim, and, as a direct result, at least 25 boys have learned the art of swimming.

The Boys' Harrier Club succeeded in retaining the Cup which they had won the previous year in connection with the Montreal District Boys' Harrier League.

The Summer Camp was successfully conducted for four weeks, from June 20th to July 18th, under the leadership of Mr. Holliday, assisted by an able staff of leaders. Attendance, 87; an increase of 11 over the previous year.

SOCIAL.

Snowshoeing, sleigh drives, indoor games, tournaments, and social evenings have contributed in bringing the members together in a spirit of helpful fellowship.

The Evening Educational Classes are mentioned in the Educational Department Report.

At the Silver Bay Conference, held last September, we were represented by seven older boys as delegates. The inspiration they received has given a decided impetus to the work here, and we are looking forward to a like result following the Couchiching Conference, in August of this year.

In reviewing the season's work, the two most striking facts are: First, the splendid success of the H. A. B. Club, which every Thursday evening has gathered together a group of manly fellows whose helpful influence will be greatly felt in the work of the Department during the coming year; and second, the unselfish service rendered by the Boys' Cabinet, a Committee whose work has been especially noticeable during the Department's want of a Secretary since Mr. Holliday's transfer to the Senior work.

LEMUEL CUSHING,
Chairman.

REPORT OF SUMMER CAMP FOR 1908.

The Junior Camp, Mr. W. J. Holliday in charge, was opened on June 20th and closed on July 18th.

36 Business Boys and 6 Leaders out June 20 to July 4.
37 School Boys and 8 Leaders out July 4 to July 18.
Total attendance 87, as compared with 77 in 1907.

Total receipts..	$1,051 34
Total expenses..	840 74
	$210 60

As compared with $154.05 in 1907.

Mr. Holliday was very fortunate in having for his assistant Mr. Donald North, of the Springfield Training School, and reports a very successful Camp. Besides the usual games, regattas, socials, etc., there were held Sunday services, a daily Bible class, and a Friday night meeting, all of which showed good results. A swimming class was conducted by Mr. North, at which a number of the boys learned to swim.

The Senior Camp opened on July 18 and closed on August 31, Mr. W. J. Henderson being in charge from July 18 to August 15, and Mr. W. A. McLaren from August 16 to August 31. Attendance at Camp was 95, as compared with 121 in 1907.

Total receipts..	$1,132 65
Total expenses..	982 96
	$149 69

As compared with $298.44 in 1907.

The usual Camp attractions were offered, and both Mr. Henderson and Mr. McLaren report a fairly successful Camp. Services were held twice every Sunday, and were well attended, the morning service being open to those living around the Lake. We were pleased to have a two-weeks' visit at Camp from Mr. W. H. Ball, of Detroit, our former Physical Director, and are indebted to him for the helpful service rendered. The Committee desires to thank all those who have in any way helped to make this season's Camp a success, especially the volunteer leaders with the Junior Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. R. WATSON,
Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The Educational Department serves the young men of Montreal through its Classes, Clubs, Lectures, Reading Room, and Library.

Classes. — Classes are conducted in the following subjects: Accountancy (2), Arithmetic (2), Bookkeeping (2), Stenography (3), Typewriting (2), Building Construction (1), Plan Reading (1),

Matriculation (Part I. and II.), French (3), English for non-English speaking (1), Engineering (2), Latin (1), Penmanship and Business Correspondence (2), Boys' Group Course (2).

Teachers.—In the conduct of these classes fourteen first-class teachers are employed.

Finances.—The amount received in class fees was $2,422.46, and the cost of conducting the department $2,522.45.

Examination Results.—We note, with pride, the increasing number of students who continue their studies for the entire term, and write on Examinations.

Work on which Exam. was based.	By whom conducted.	No. of successful Students.
Matriculation, Part I.	McGill University	6
Matriculation, Part II.	McGill University	4
Medical Matriculation	Quebec Board (Medical)	2
Insurance	Insurance Institute	2
Civil Service Mathematics	Dominion Government	1
Commercial and Technical Subjects	International Committee	125
		140

When we remember that our students are doing this work and practically paying its cost, in addition to their work day by day in office, store, and workshop, we are grateful that God has raised up the Young Men's Christian Association as a means of helping them.

Socially.—The members of the faculty, and the students themselves, have been brought more closely together by means of the faculty teas and through the Educational banquet, provided by the Ladies Auxiliary. The latter gathering was addressed by Mr. Wm. I. Gear, Dr. Frank Adams, and Prof. James Robertson, Principal of Macdonald College, St. Anne.

Practical Talks.—In addition to those given under the auspices of the Debating Club, Mr. R. J. Younge, General Sales Manager of The Canadian Rubber Co., delivered a series of talks on "Salesmanship" to large audiences. The following topics were covered:

The Salesman with himself.
The Salesman with his house.
The Salesman with his customers.

Debating Club.—This Club was never in a more healthy condition, and the debates and discussions were of great value to its members. Our thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their addresses during the Session:

Mr. A. Kirk Cameron—"The Poetry of Browning."
Mr. J. C. Ross—"The Modern Newspaper."
Prof. Wm. Loughead—"Insect Life."
Recorder Weir—"Juvenile Courts."
Dr. Patterson Smyth—"Social Service."
Mr. B. N. W. Grigg—"A Trio of Browning's poems."

CLASS RECORD.

Classes.	Men.	Boys.	Percentage of Attendance.
Accountancy	30	..	89
Arithmetic	14	5	67
Bookkeeping	41	11	75
Stenography	42	34	79
Typewriting	12	14	66
Matriculation, Part I.	19	..	78
Matriculation, Part II.	14	..	73
Penmanship and Business Correspondence	21	30	80
Engineering	34	2	88
Building Construction	15	2	76
Plan Reading	9	..	64
French	67	..	68
Latin	2	..	97
English for non-English speaking	18	..	81
Boys' Group Course	..	28	65
Physics	8	..	74
	346	126	

READING ROOM AND LIBRARY.

The Reading Room and Library continue an attractive feature of our work. The best Literary and Technical magazines, to the number of 163, are at the disposal of our readers.

Four hundred and twenty-one members made use of the Library. Eight thousand two hundred and sixty-five books were issued as follows:

Fiction	5217
Literature	411
History	582
Biography	426
Science	412
Useful Arts	301
Fine Arts	12
Politics	309
Religious	511
Language	74
	8265

W. E. CUSHING,
Chairman.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE Y.M.C.A.

In presenting our annual report we beg to state that the work has been carried on much the same as formerly.

Eight meetings have been held during the season, from October to May, with an average attendance of 14.

An important change in the constitution a year ago enlarged the membership to 50, and next year we hope this will tend to strengthen the work of the auxiliary.

Our Corresponding Secretary reports letters of sympathy sent, and also letters of thanks received from those who received flowers.

Our Social Committee has, as usual, had to bear the largest share of the activities of the auxiliary, having carried out successfully the catering and serving of FIVE large teas, ONE reception, and THREE well-attended evening socials, as follows: The Board of Directors' and Committeemen's tea in May last; in October two socials for the new members, and also a supper for the representatives of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; in November a largely-attended Thanksgiving tea. On New Year's afternoon the usual reception was provided for; different ladies had charge of tables where tea, coffee, and cake were served to all comers. In April three large banquets were catered for, namely, Campers' Reunion, Educational Class closing, and Physical Department closing. The committee feels repaid for all the hard work connected with these social functions by being privileged to listen to the inspiring addresses given in connection with the evening, and also by the hearty votes of thanks accorded by the various departments.

The Sunday evening teas held in the building for Bible Class and Strangers have been furnished with cake, during eight months, seventy-one cakes having been contributed by twenty-four different ladies.

The Junior Department have been three times helped at their entertainments by our members.

The Flower Committee has also shared to a considerable extent, having sent thirty-four donations of flowers to the sick, and eight times provided for decorations, and at teas and social affairs in the building.

The Furnishing Committee have carried out the wishes of the ladies in providing necessary table linen and glassware for the tables, and also providing seven new pairs of Madras curtains for the boys' rooms.

The financial statement shows the receipts to be	$379 83
Expenditures..	156 04
Balance on hand..	$223 79

The following ladies were elected to office, May 5th, 1909:

President—Mrs. C. T. Williams.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Henry Birks.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. W. Godbee Brown.

Secretary—Mrs. Archie Robertson.

Treasurer—Mrs. Arthur Patterson.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ralph Dawson.

Conveners Social Committee—Mrs. Arthur Bell, Mrs. C. C. Holland, Mrs. George Williams, Miss Currie (Junior Dept.).

Convener Furnishing Committee—Mrs. John Ross.

Conveners Flower Committee—Mrs. Ernest E. Millen and Miss Budge.

Convener Finance and Membership Committee—Mrs. Wm. Birks.

Convener Nominating Committee—Mrs. C. K. Calhoun.

Respectfully submitted,

MABELLE A. ROBERTSON,

Secretary.